

**RESOLUTION NO. 11**  
**SERIES 2000**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO,  
IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED COLORADO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 21,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘TAX CUT 2000’, ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2000, BALLOT**

**WHEREAS,** the voters of Colorado will consider proposed Constitutional Amendment 21, also know as “Tax Cut 2000”, on November 7, 2000; and

**WHEREAS,** if Amendment 21 were adopted, it would impose automatic, multiple, and permanent tax cutes, an in ever-increasing amounts each year in perpetuity; and

**WHEREAS,** if Amendment 21 were adopted, the total revenue loss to local governments is estimated by Legislative Council to be \$169 million in the first year, \$580million in 2002, and \$892 million in 2003; and

**WHEREAS,** if Amendment 21 were adopted, the revenue loss to the City of Gunnison is estimated to be \$380,000 initially, with increasing revenue losses thereafter; and

**WHEREAS,** Amendment 21 tax cuts would apply to a broad-range of taxes and fees imposed by the City of Gunnison, the county, school district, and special districts that provide important and necessary services to residents of the City of Gunnison. These entities include: the RE1-J School District, Gunnison Metropolitan Recreation District, Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District, and the Gunnison County Fire Protection District; and

**WHEREAS,** if Amendment 21 were adopted, the City of Gunnison is likely to be forced to curtail, reduce, and potentially eliminate services that protect the public health and safety and that ensure our quality of life; and

**WHEREAS,** passage of Amendment 21 could limit the City’s ability to continue existing levels of services and programs like police, fire, parks & recreation, and street maintenance; and

**WHEREAS,** passage of Amendment 21 could affect the City’s ability to fund future capital projects like street improvements, affordable housing and parks development; and

**WHEREAS,** a “NO” vote on Amendment 21 would help preserve current funding of local services on which our citizens depend; and

**WHEREAS,** a “NO” vote on Amendment 21 would protect Colorado’s quality of life by not jeopardizing funding for vital transportation, public safety, ambulance and hospital, park & recreation, education, library and other services on which our citizens rely; and

**WHEREAS,** a “NO” vote on Amendment 21 rejects mandatory tax cuts, state-wide, despite our local citizens’ interests in continuing existing or developing new or expanded services; and

**WHEREAS,** a “NO” vote on Amendment 21 in no way disturbs the citizens’ current control over governmental revenue and spending through the voter-approved provisions of the 1992 Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights (TABOR) and other existing limitations; and

**WHEREAS,** the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Ace, at C.R.S. 1-45-117(1)(b)(III)(A) authorizes this body to adopt a resolution taking a position of advocacy on any statewide ballot issue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, that:**

- Section 1.      The City of Gunnison opposes the Amendment 21 because it would be detrimental to the services, programs, and quality of life of the citizens of the City.
- Section 2.      The City encourages its citizens to become fully informed about all of the details of the Amendment and its effects on them, their community and the state before voting on November 7th.
- Section 3.      The City encourages its citizens to vote “NO” on Amendment 21.

**INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED** by the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, this 10th day of October, 2000.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk